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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND FOOD ASSISTANCE TO MADAGASCAR

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ON JULY 16, 6,000 TONS OF RICE -DONATED BY THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND- WERE OFFLOADED AT THE PORT OF TAMATAVE IN PRESENCE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION (GOMR AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION, MAKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, ESPECIALLY RICE) AND MR. SCHEIBER, EDF REPRESENTATIVE IN MADAGASCAR.

2. SCHEIBER EXPLAINED THAT DONATION WAS EDF RESPONSE TO GOMR REQUEST TO PERMIT MADAGASCAR TO FACE ITS VERY HIGH FOOD SHORTAGE IN 1974. LAST FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2,600 TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR WERE SENT TO MADAGASCAR. THE 6,000 TONS OF ITALIAN HUSKED RICE JUST RECEIVED WAS SECOND PART OF THIS ASSISTANCE. RICE, WORTH ABOUT \$2.10 MILLION, WAS SENT FROM RAVENNE, ITALY LAST MONTH.

3. IN REPOSE TO QUESTION FROM PRESS, SCHEIBER ADDED THAT THIS DONATION WAS NOT TIED TO EDF OPERATIONS, BUT WAS BASED ON SPECIAL EFFORT BY COMMUNITY TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO GET PAST UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULTIES DUE TO EITHER DROUGHT OR FOOD SHORTAGES. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND MALAGASY GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE 2,600 TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR AND THE 6,000 TONS OF RICE WOULD BE DONATED, PROCEEDS FROM PWLES OF THESE COMMODITIES WOULD

BE USED TO FINANCE SEVERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PROPOSED BY
MALAGASY GOVERNMENT AND APPROVED BY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.
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